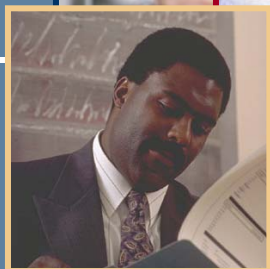




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# Tennessee Department of Education SSMS Kickoff Meetings

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# Agenda

- Introductions
- Mission Statement
- SSMS Team Organization
- Projected Benefits
- Timeline and Approach
- District Contribution
- Demonstration of System
- Next Steps
- Contact Information



## Mission Statement

- To provide school stakeholders with an integrated Student Information System that will enhance the education and management of students in Tennessee's schools.

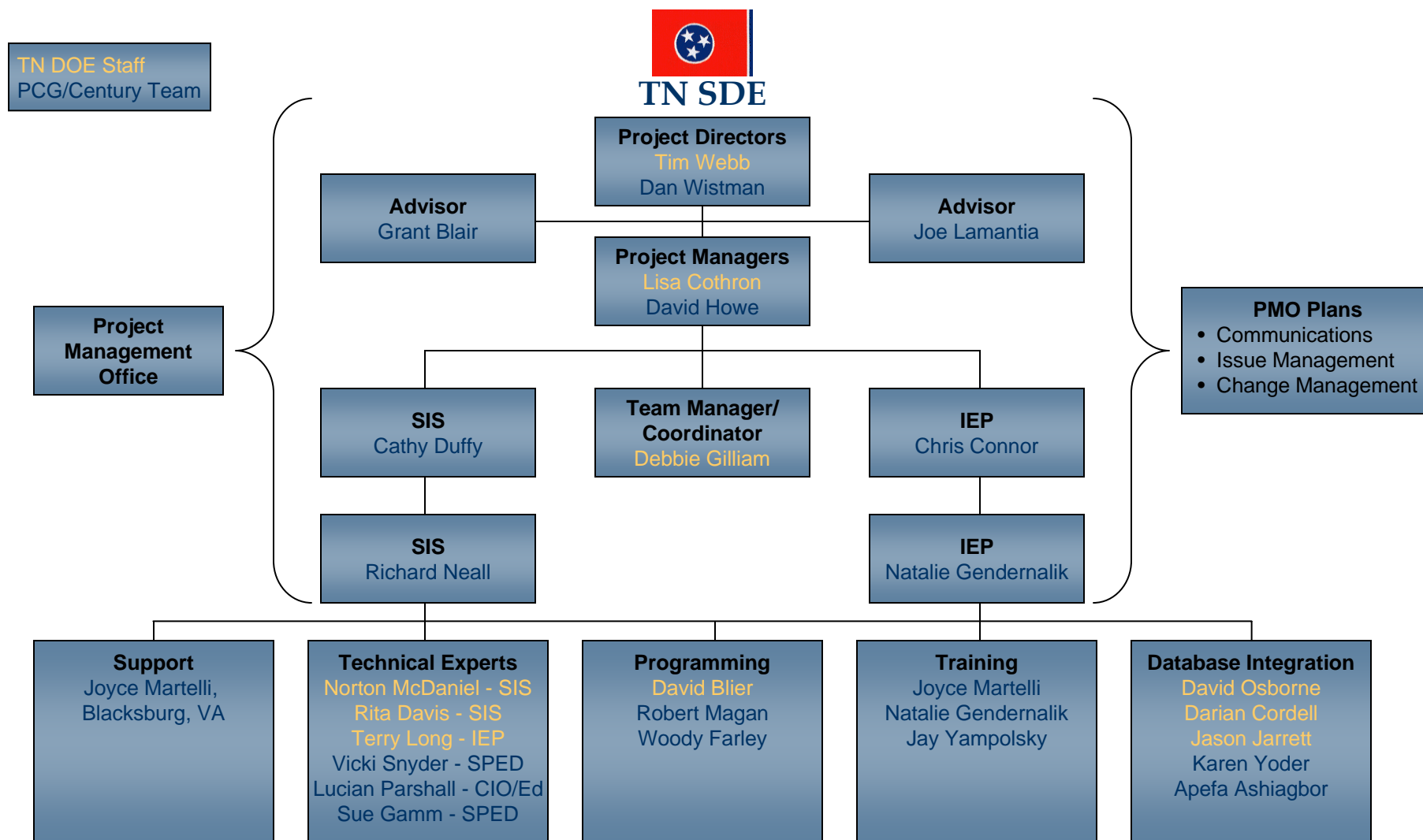


## The Stakeholders

- Schools Staff
- District Staff
- Department of Education Staff
- Century Consultants
- Public Consulting Group
- ConnecTEN and other ISPs
- Department Finance and Administration, OIR



# Tennessee - PCG/Century SSMS Team





## Background

- PCG/Century team was selected in a competitive procurement process
- Our team has a record of success in the State of Tennessee
  - SIS (Knox, Henderson)
  - Medicaid FFS (Statewide)
- PCG/Century team has experience in 30 states delivering education services to our district/state education clients
- Our team is comprised of various experts including: former school administrators, SPED directors, teachers, former CIO for Michigan DOE, compliance/legal/regulatory experts, systems folks, etc.....
- PCG/Century have provided services to local and state education clients since 1977



## Benefits of SSMS

- Integrated web-based system that encompasses both a student information system AND a special education system
- Minimal Risk to Participating Districts
  - No up-front cost to the Districts for participating
    - Many Districts have expended tens of millions of dollars for an SIS alone with less flexibility and fewer features
  - No on-going maintenance fees incurred by the District
  - No burdensome staff allocations required at district level once system is operational
- Anticipated that the majority of districts in Tennessee will participate
- TN SDE fully supports the SSMS and are dedicated to its success



## Benefits of SSMS

- Automatic compliance with all state level reporting
  - Eliminates need for complicated extracts and reporting by district staff
  - Required state reporting already in place and accepted as compliant by TN DOE
- Allows districts access to all data 24/7 in the most secure environment





## Current District Participants

- Phase 1 (Originally limited to 25 Districts)
  - 28 Districts
  - 94,000 students
  - District list at: <http://www.tennessee.gov/education/techssms.htm>
- Phase 2 (Scheduled to begin July 2004)
- Phase 3 (Scheduled to begin July 2005)



## Timeline: SSMS Schedule

### Project Schedule

<b>Progress:</b>						
<b>Phase:</b>	Kick-Off	Pilot Baseline	Pilot Configuration	Pilot Rollout	Phase 2	Phase 3
<b>Dates:</b>	January 04	Jan 04 - Feb 04	Feb 04 - Mar 04	Mar 04 - June 04	July 04 - Jun 05	Jul 05 - Jun 06
<b>Activities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set-up project structure:PMO</li> <li>Road-show/ orientation sessions</li> <li>Host site provisioning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Setup</li> <li>System Interface</li> <li>SPED forms</li> <li>Data mapping</li> <li>Rollout Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>System modifications</li> <li>Data migration</li> <li>Document development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>System test</li> <li>District tests</li> <li>District Migration</li> <li>District Training</li> <li>District Support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Migration</li> <li>District Training</li> <li>District Support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Migration</li> <li>District Training</li> <li>District Support</li> </ul>



# Timeline: SSMS Training Seasons

## Training Schedule

2004										2005					
March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
Admin, Basics, Scheduling, Enrollment, Attendance															
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						Interim Reports, Grade Reporting, Academic History, Other Modules									
										Class Master, Scheduling Process					




## Timeline and Approach: Training

- Training Considerations
  - Position in School Year
  - Two Training Ramp-ups
    - Spring Scheduling
    - Opening School Doors
  - Seasonal Cycle of Module Use
  - Local/Regional Training Sessions



# Implementation Stages

## Project Schedule

Phase:	Pilot Phase 28 Districts			Phase II 50+ Districts		Phase III 50+ Districts 
	Stage I	Stage II	Stage III	Stage IV	Stage V	Stage VI
Dates:	Mar 04 - Jun 04	Mar 04 - Jun 04	Mar 04 - Jun 04	Jul 04 - Jun 05	Jul 04 - Jun 05	Jul 05 - Jun 06
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				<b>** Approx 50 Total Go Live</b>	<b>** Approx 50 Total Go Live</b>	<b>** Approx 30 Total Go Live</b>



## District/School Contributions

- Not a penny for SSMS
- Commitment in dedicated staff time
  - District coordination
  - Data conversion
  - SSMS district configuration input
  - District network evaluation
  - Training time and labs
- Customization will be at district expense and will take place on a timeline that is compatible with the state rollout.

## Star\_Student™ Modules

- Student Demographics
- Scheduling
- Master Class Optimizer
- Daily Attendance
- Class/Period Attendance
- Grade Reporting
- Interim Reporting
- Grade Book
- Discipline
- Medicaid
- Medical Records
- Academic History
- Transcript
- Testing
- Census
- Student Fees
- Picture Verification
- Teacher Routines
- Counselor Routines



## Star\_Student™

- **Star\_Student for the Web** software affords school districts the opportunity to operate efficiently, now and in the future, by using the World Wide Web to manage their student information databases.
- **Star\_Student for the Web** operates with either popular browser; Netscape or Internet Explorer. Star\_Student is totally all web all the time.
  - Users can access information from any computer that connects to the web. School personnel can work from remote locations, entering information in real time.





## Oracle Database and Web Server

- The system is designed on the foundation of Oracle Corporation's relational database, application server, and development tools.
- School districts have the use of a powerful, centralized, relational database, eliminating the need for daily time consuming downloads.
- The speed and reliability and integrity of Oracle allows the district to access information in real time, providing up-to-date reports and live queries without any delays.
- The security is unsurpassed, allowing the database administrator to completely control the confidentiality of the information.  
The centralized database provides up-to-the-minute student information to users throughout the district for reports, queries, state attendance reports and compilations of family information.



## EasyIEP

- Key Features and Benefits for Teachers
  - Efficiency tool that reduces the incredible paperwork burden
  - Automatic letter generation
  - Simultaneous file access
  - Quick information access
  - Reduced information entry
  - Work anywhere there is web access



## EasyIEP

- Key Features and Benefits for Administrators
  - Comprehensive data management and reporting capabilities
  - Data-driven management decision making thru the one-click reports, automatic reports, and custom report wizard
  - Improved Compliance
    - Deadline tracking and email reminder functionality
    - Document edit checking
    - Visual compliance features
  - On-line analysis



## EasyIEP

- Key Features and Benefits for Technology
  - No software to distribute
  - Enhanced security
  - No files to back-up
  - Open platform
  - Interface with Student Information System



## Next Steps

- Enlistment
- Pilot group project initiation



## Contact Information

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## *Questions / Comments*